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 Filed: June 18, 1999  
 Inventors: David C. Ward *et al.*  
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Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith for filing in the above-identified application the following:

1. Amendment and Response;
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